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OUR PRIZE CONTEST.

The prize contest inaugurated in THE TIMES nearly a month ago was recently brought to a close. It called out a multitude of suggestions for the improvement and benefit of Roanoke, all of them good, many of them far above the mark and several presenting suggestions which deserve serious consideration at the hands of the public.

As previously announced all the communications were submitted to a committee of three gentlemen, each a prominent and well known citizen of Roanoke, whose joint verdict was to be final and irrevocable. This committee was composed of City Solicitor T. W. Miller, Dr. A. Z. Koerner, and Captain J. H. Wingate.

They met, and their chairman informs THE TIMES of the result of their deliberations. In the first place, they felt called upon to set aside a large number of suggestions for public improvements on which the city government had already taken action. This narrowed the field considerably.

Several suggestions then came to the front as candidates for honor, but finally one was selected upon which the committee united as being, on the whole, the best of all. It was, that capital should seek investment in building up more wholesale houses in Roanoke. We reprint it:

FOR WHOLESALE HOUSES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES: The capitalists would put their money into the erection of buildings for wholesale houses, great good would accrue to Roanoke. As was shown by interviews in THE TIMES recently, the establishment of wholesale shoe and dry goods houses would add largely to our trade, by enabling merchants to buy all their goods in Roanoke.

We desire to state that the committee did not know the name of the contributor of the suggestion, nor will they until it appears in THE TIMES of this morning. Neither did they know the name of any other contributor. The successful contributor is Dr. S. B. Thompson, of 202 Eighth Avenue, southwest. Dr. Thompson is a recent comer to Roanoke, but he has grasped the situation with remarkable readiness. He is already a subscriber to THE TIMES, but will be credited with a year's subscription.

THE TIMES reporter was unable to extract an interview from Dr. Thompson, except the terse statement that "anyone who couldn't see that Roanoke's situation at the convergence of four valleys made it a natural commercial center was blind." The doctor is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College and comes here with a fine reputation as a physician and surgeon.

STEEL IN THE SOUTH.

The opinion of William Whitwell, one of the great English iron masters, that with pure fuel Cranberry ores will make almost perfect iron, and of another prominent visitor that Bessemer steel can also be made from those ores, is in part corroborative of the fixed opinions held by the iron smelters of the Southern iron belt.

The field of invention has no certain limit. What to-day is beyond our range to-morrow is in our hand. Some day wherever iron is steel will be made. Wherever a clay bank is aluminum will be produced. We are only at the beginning of the age of metal. This section has as good coaling coals as there is in the country, railroads will give us the Cranberry ores, or the fine Cuban

ores, and we are going to make steel eventually.

In the meanwhile the safest field for iron development has been pointed out by Sir James Kitson, who advises the establishment of pipe factories, stove foundries and similar industries for whose products we have a large and hungry home market.

IN HONOR OF THURMAN.

The dinner which will be given at Columbus, Ohio, by the Thurman Club, November 13, in honor of the seventy-seventh birthday of Hon. Allen G. Thurman, will be a notable occasion. One thousand guests will sit down, including nearly every leading Democrat in the country who can attend. The railroads have given special rates for that date, and the souvenirs will be something notable.

If the Democratic party pulls through all right a week from next Tuesday it will be a love feast; if it doesn't it will be a consolation race. The thing is fixed to work either way.

OUR GOSSIPER.

The London World, the journal par excellence of the British Aristocracy, with a capital A, relates in substance the following: A Scottish lord recently, acting upon the idea that a good woman is worth her weight in gold, gave as a wedding dower to each of his daughters their weight in one pound notes. The eldest accordingly received fifty thousand pounds, or a quarter of a million dollars; the second daughter, being stouter and taller, received fifty-five thousand pounds. Possibly the young lords of Scotland will hereafter choose their wives by weight.

A voice from South Dakota; Senator Pettigrew says, "Women are superior to men in all save strength."

Young woman, do you want to be beautiful? Then take exercise, sleep ten hours, take a daily cold bath, and lastly, "Look pleasant."

Miss Ella Ewing, of Fairmont, Va., has broken the record on feet. Her shoe measures 15½ inches in length, and 4½ inches in width at the ball of the foot, and there is enough leather in one of the heels to build five pairs of ordinary ladies' shoes.

The bill for the shoeing of stately Miss Ewing, will be some man's undoing.

We learn from good authority that Queen Victoria takes her medicine in whisky; we were under the impression that she took it inside her.

Straw hats and overcoats

Wh-h-hat! Please shut that door.

Our race is declining, so say the savants, hence the scarcity of blondes, a type indicative of high race development.

The Philadelphia Record, in a recent issue, informs us that it is possible to fry apples. Every old celled Chloe in Virginia knew that long before de wahl.

Are you furnishing a new house? Remember that a good engraving is much better than a poor painting, and remember that one really good thing adorns a room and cultivates the taste far more than any number of inferior pictures.

There is a rage for etchings.

Are you getting your trousseau ready? Then do not refer to your "traveling suit," say "my going-away-gown," and do not speak of your expected "bridal tour," say "my wedding journey."

An old fashion in wedding cards has been revived—that of tying the two together with a silver cord.

A lady, of Lexington, Ky., while out for a walk, was disturbed by some hard substance in her shoe. On investigation, says the Lexington Press, it proved to be a diamond earring which had been misplaced while she was dressing. We F. F. V.'s call them corns.

The train of a wedding dress worn by a London beauty last week was of white silk, lined with satin, and hung loose from the shoulders, fastened by ropes of white silk and silver.

Mr. Douglas Grant's bride held a silver-bound prayer-book during the performance of the marriage ceremony.

Bridal prayer books are bound in white suede.

For a golden wedding, use golden rod, yellow asters, marigolds, and other yellow flowers for decorating dining room, hall and parlor.

The tops of long gloves are useful in making many fancy articles.

A prominent journal says that in our large cities saleswomen with good figures receive much higher salaries for trying on dresses and cloaks than women with a university education can hope to earn in any intellectual profession. Yet this is the nineteenth century.

Do not buy an expensive fur cape unless you can afford to get another handsome wrap. The capes are pretty and stylish, but, in very cold weather, have an incomplete out-at-elbow look, however comfortable they may be in reality.

Who decreed that mirrors shall be banished from washstands? We hoped that such a soul-satisfying fashion

would last forever, yet it is difficult this season to find a stand with mirror attached at the furniture stores.

Another man has furnished statistics to prove that baldheadedness and intellectualty go together. This time it is a barber in one of our large Northern cities. "Alas! our full suit of hair would forever stamp us as mediocre in the eyes of that august person who trims the hair of the upper ten."

More than once we have heard some young woman say in the privacy of confidential intercourse: "Oh, but I do not want to go to college, and then to the university, because men do not like highly educated women," and we felt like replying, "My dear friend, you have heard some one say that men do not like too brilliant women, but that remark does not apply to brilliancy such as yours, which could never, under any circumstances, set the Roanoke river on fire. Such women as Margaret Fuller or Maria Mitchell would make most men feel small; but take our advice and develop your little brain by a good college course, if possible, and you will be all the more attractive to men of sense. It is true that the 'Vassar girl marries late, but marries well.'"

There are no longer nurse girls or house girls; in the language of fashion all women servants are "maids."

A certain Benedict was absorbed in his newspaper for a half hour after tea; suddenly we heard him say, "The Lord be thanked!" The cause of his ejaculation was this item in the woman's column: "Pillow shams are not to be used this season."

Many have obeyed fashion's mandate in regard to pillows by putting them out of sight altogether. For a bed without pillows get a pretty cretonne cover and make of the same material a bolster case to slip over the white one. Make the cretonne case large enough to tie prettily at each end with a bow of ribbon. The outer cover is removed at night.

Helen Dauvray says, "Petticoats are good enough for women," but the would-be-stylish girl goes on appropriating various items of male attire—the last article that she has taken from her unprotected brother is the smoking jacket as a house garment.

Palm leaves are pretty for decorative purposes, they can be made pliable by steaming, and can then be bent into a variety of shapes.

The latest club organized for women in New York is "The Twinkle Club." The leading woman's club in that city is the Sorosis, which has long been an established social feature. Is there not some woman in Roanoke with brains, wealth and leisure who will organize a woman's club here? Such an organization would develop feminine talent and crystallize society.

Miss Annie Cammack, the heiress to \$1,000,000, was married in Baltimore a few days ago to Arlington Hardesty, a young blacksmith. Cause—true love.

Put a tea-ball into the tea-pot, pour in hot water and you have tea for two.

It is time to begin thinking of Thanksgiving turkey.

If you intend to buy two fall gowns, let one of them be of rough Scotch stuff, bourette, or fleecy woolen of some kind.

A pretty piano or hall lamp may be made at a small cost, and with little trouble. Take an ordinary table lamp with any kind of metallic base and soft tinted shade. Get a small post of pine or any cheap wood about four and a half or five feet high. On each end of the post, fasten circular pieces of polished black wood, two thicknesses giving it a more solid appearance. Cover the pine with embossed bronzed wall-paper; give the column one coat of varnish; fasten the lamp securely to the top, and secure the pedestal to the floor.

Miss Julia Magruder, a daughter of the late General John B. Magruder, of the Confederate army, has begun a serial in the New York Ledger for October. The story, "Jephthah's Daughter," is highly complimented by the press in general. Miss Magruder has many friends in Virginia, who will doubtless straightway become subscribers to the Ledger for the pleasure of reading a story from her pen; she is as delightful in print as charming in person.

Get gaiter tops to match your street suit.

This is the season at which a man would feel grateful if coal were not so high.

The social event of the year in Bedford City will be the marriage of Miss Gretchen Parr to Mr. O. C. Bell in the near future. Miss Parr belongs to a family noted for the beauty of its women, is an exquisite blonde with a pretty figure, and dances like a fairy. Mr. Bell is one of the leading young business men of that busy place.

The New York papers say that fruit is cheap there—California peaches, Florida oranges, apples and Concord grapes, the latter four cents a pound.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cleveland spend Sunday in the orthodox way; attend church and do not accept invitations to Sunday teas and receptions.

MARVELOUS MAX MEADOWS.

The First Day's Sales Foot up the St. Aug Sum of \$275,000.

MAX MEADOWS, Va., Oct. 25.—[Special]—The total sales of lots to-day foot up the magnificent figure of \$275,000. Only those were put up on which there were more than one applicant on the company's list. As a natural result the bidding was sharp. The prices realized were invariably above the list prices, and not infrequently over 100 per cent. above, the average being fully 30 per cent. above the list.

A Trades reporter was on the spot. Real estate agents were thick and buyers plenty all the way from Bristol on the west to Buena Vista and Lynchburg to the North and East. The sales did not begin until 1:30 owing to the non-arrival of train No. 1, and closed only a few minutes before the train left at 6 o'clock. As samples of the way prices went, many lots started at \$500 were knocked down at from \$1,200 to \$1,500 and the highest, which started at \$700, was bid up to \$1,730 without a break.

Those present for the first time expressed themselves very strongly as to the beauty of the place and as the evidences of substantial growth already present.

Express directions were given the auctioneer to knock down the lots quickly, as the company did not desire to have prices run up to unreasonable figures. The officers of the company who were present expressed themselves as more than satisfied with the result of the sales.

The sales were conducted by Mr. Wm. D. Pannell, of Norfolk, and Thos. Pannell, of Petersburg, two of the best auctioneers in the South.

F. B. Kemp & Co., sold \$15,000 of the total.

W. E. W.

Good Gunner Practice.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—[Special]—Diagrams of the first target practice on the new cruiser Philadelphia have just reached the Navy Department. The practice was at Gardiner's bay, October 4, with 6-inch, 3-inch and 1-inch rapid-fire guns, and the results were remarkable. At one range of 1,000 yards 60 of 62 shots were lodged in an exact vertical line extending twenty feet above the water line, which means that every one of them would have hit an ordinary war vessel in, very nearly the same place.

A Great Truth Well Put.

From the Richmond Dispatch.

Roanoke is a great place. The vitality of it is wonderful and the growth amazing. While other people are talking they are working. In no other place with which we are acquainted is a good idea or worthy suggestion so quickly seized or so rapidly materialized. Hotels, railroads, manufacturing, and all sorts of business drift that way, or if it does not its energetic committees go out and lay hold of it and bring it in.

The history of Roanoke tells what the Virginians of this city are capable of. True, the city never would have been what it is but for the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company; but it is likewise true that the company never would have been encouraged to pile in there and thereabouts money upon money had they not seen in the community those evidences of thrift and progressiveness which gave assurance that their investments would prosper.

The Dispatch wants to see every portion of the commonwealth increase in population and wealth and rejoices that we have within our borders such a city as Roanoke.

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